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FOLLOWING IS EXCERPT FROM OUR DAILY SUMMARY NO. 132

DATED JULY 13, 1976

THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF MAURITIUS STATED THAT THE US-UK
DRAFT RESOLUTION COULD NOT BE RECEIVABLE UNDER THE ITEM OF
ISRAELI "AGGRESSION" AGAINST UGANDA AND THE
REPRESENTATIVE OF LIBYA OBJECTED IN SC JULY 13 TO BRINGING
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UP IRRELEVANT QUESTION OF TERRORISM. ISRAELI AMB MADE

A VERY STRONG STATEMENT, DURING WHICH HE ACCUSED UGANDA OF LACKMAIL TO INFLUENCE THE SC AND SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED MOST COUNTRIES WHOSE REPRESENTATIVES HAD SUPPORTED THE UGANDAN POSITION. THIS RESULTED IN REPLIES BY MAURITIUS, UGANDA, LIBYA, TANZANIA, USSR, PAKISTAN AND YUGOSLAVIA, AFTER PRESIDENT VINCI (ITALY) HAD COMMENTED HE WOULD LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS IN ORDER TO "LOWER THE TEMPERATURE OF THIS DEBATE." THE PRESIDENT OPENED THE MEETING BY CALLING ATTENTION BY NUMBER TO THE DOCUMENTS RELEVANT TO THE ITEM, INCLUDING THE NEW KENYAN LETTER (S/12140, ON INDISCRIMINATE MASSACRE OF KENYAN CITIZENS IN UGANDA). STATEMENTS WERE ALSO MADE BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF PANAMA, ROMANIA, JAPAN AND INDIA. THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 3:00 PM, JULY 14, WITH LIBYA AND CUBA LISTED TO SPEAK.

PANAMA -- ILLUECA NOTED MOST OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION LIVED

IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, BUT MOST OF THE WORLD'S WEALTH WAS IN THE HANDS OF ONLY A FEW NATIONS; URBAN CONCENTRATIONS AND POVERTY WERE "AN INVITATION TO TERRORISM." PANAMA, HE SAID, WAS "STILL BLEEDING" FROM THE "WOUNDS" IN ITS SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY CAUSED BY THE DIVISION OF THE COUNTRY BY "THE COLONIAL ENCLAVE OF THE CANAL ZONE." THE PANAMA CANAL WAS THE ONLY CANAL NOT NATIONALIZED. NEXT YEAR WAS THE YEAR FOR DECOLONIZATION OF PANAMA, HE DECLARED, ADDING HIS COUNTRY WAS LOSING PATIENCE WITH THE "EXCUSES" OF THE U.S. TURNING TO THE MATTER BEFORE THE SC, HE SAID THAT THE ISRAELI MILITARY ACTION AGAINST UGANDA DID NOT FALL WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE RIGHT TO PROTECT A COUNTRY'S NATIONALS. IT WAS NECESSARY TO ERADICATE THE CAUSES WHICH BRING ABOUT ACTS OF TERRORISM AND HIJACKING. THIS COULD NOT BE SOLVED BY CONDEMNATION EITHER OF ISRAEL OR OF THE HIJACKERS, AND HE WOULD ABSTAIN IN THE VOTING.

ROMANIA -- DATCU CALLED THE ISRAELI ACTION ILLEGAL AND INADMISSIBLE. INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM WAS A NEGATIVE PHENOMENON WHICH DISTURBED RELATIONS BETWEEN NATIONS AND PEOPLES AND WAS PREJUDICIAL TO THE GENUINE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLES IN PURSUIT OF THEIR

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LIBERTY AND INDEPENDENCE; HOWEVER, THE STRUGGLE OF PEOPLES OF NATIONAL LIBERATION SHOULD NOT BE CONFUSED WITH TERRORISM.

JAPAN -- ABE SAID INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM, IN ANY FORM, WAS "AN ABHORRENT CRIME AGAINST MANKIND," BUT THE SC SHOULD NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE FACT THAT ISRAEL HAD VIOLATED UGANDA'S SOVEREIGNTY. JAPAN RE-SERVED ITS OPINION AS TO WHETHER ISRAEL'S ACTION HAD OR HAD NOT MET "THE CONDITIONS REQUIRED FOR THE EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT OF SELF-DEFENS

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UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW."

-- US-UK RESOLUTION IRRELEVANT --

FOREIGN MINISTER OF MAURITIUS, SIR HAROLD WALTER, ON POINT OF ORDER, SAID THE DEBATE COULD NOT ALLOWED "TO TRAVEL IN A WORLD OF PERSONAL LIKINGS." THE ITEM WAS CLEAR AND THE UK-US DRAFT WAS CONTRARY TO THE SC'S PROCEDURES AND EXTRANEIOUS TO THE ISSUE. HE ASKED THE PRESIDENT "WHETHER AN EXTRANEIOUS AND IRRELEVANT MATTER COULD BE BROUGHT IN JUST FOR CONFUSION." PRESIDENT VINCI (ITALY) TOLD HIM THE SAME POINT HAD BEEN RAISED EARLIER "AND SETTLED." KIKHIA (LIBYA) ASSERTED THAT IT HAD NOT BE SETTLE, AND HE APPEALED TO THE PRESIDENT TO ENSURE THAT THE DEBATE WAS KEPT TO THE AGENDA ITEM. VINCI REPLIED THAT THE LIBYAN REPRESENTATIVE HAD RECOGNIZED THAT ANY DELEGATION HAD A RIGHT TO SUBMIT A DRAFT RESOLUTION, AND THERE HAD BEEN NO OBJECTION. KIKHIA ARGUED THAT THE POINT RAISED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF MAURITIUS WAS WHETHER THE DRAFT RESOLUTION WAS RELEVANT OR IRRELEVANT. UK AMB RICHARD STATED THAT PRESENTING THE DRAFT WAS NOT AGAINST THE RULES, AND DELEGATIONS OPPOSING IT COULD VOTE AGAINST IT. THE PRESIDENT THEN APPEALED TO MEMBERS NOT TO RAISE PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS: THOSE HAD ALREADY BEEN SETTLED.

-- ISRAELI STATEMENT --

ISRAEL -- AMB HERZOG ANALYZED EVIDENCE AVAILABLE TO PROVE UGANDAN COMPLICITY, INCLUDING THE HIJACKERS' MAP WITH ROUTE MARKED ATHENS-BENGAZI-ENTEBBE, AND AMIN'S DISPATCH OF HIS PERSONAL PLANE TO SOMALIA TO PICK UP LEADER OF TERRORIST WHO TOOK CONTROL OF THE PLANE AFTER IT LANDED AT ENTEBBE. WHAT BETTER PROOF WAS THERE OF UGANDA'S "COMPLICITY IN THIS CRIME" THAN FACT UGANDA ALLOWED A REINFORCEMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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OF FOUR TO FIVE ARMED TERRORIST TO JOIN THE HIJACKERS? FOUR HIJACKERS BOARDED THE PLANE IN ATHENS AND SEVEN RECEIVED STATE FUNERALS. IF THERE WAS NO CONNIVANCE WHY HAD NOT THE TWO OR THREE SURVIVORS OF THE RESCUE OPERATION BEEN APPREHENDED AND PRODUCED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 1970 HAGUE CONVENTION? HE ASKED. IN VIEW OF THE EVIDENCE, HERZOG CALLED THE UGANDAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S TWO STATEMENTS "NOTHING BUT THE MOST FORMIDABLE COLLECTION OF DISTORTIONS, HALFTRUTHS, DELIBERATE OMISSIONS AND OUTRIGHT FALSEHOODS THIS COUNCIL HAS HEARD IN A LONG TIME." HE NOTED THAT 10 DAYS AFTER THE RELEASE OF THE HOSTAGES THE FRENCH PLANE HAD NOT BEEN RELEASED. HERZOG SPOKE OF THE BRITISH DIPLOMAT WHO SAW MRS. BLOCH IN THE HOSPITAL JULY 4 BUT WAS NOT ALLOWED TO SEE HER AGAIN AN HOUR LATER AND WAS NOW BEING EXPELLED FROM UGANDA.

REFERRING TO NEWS THAT UGANDA IS APPLYING THREAT OF BLACKMAIL TO FOREIGN NATIONALS IN UGANDA IN CONNECTION WITH THE SC PROCEEDINGS, HE STATED: "IN OTHER WORDS, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY, A DIRECT ATTEMPT IS BEING MADE BY THREATS OF BLACKMAIL OF THE MOST OMINOUS CHARACTER TO INFLUENCE THE PROCEEDINGS IN THIS COUNCIL." "THIS WHOLE SORDID AFFAIR" CONDEMNED NOT ONLY THE GOVERNMENT OF UGANDA, BUT ALL COUNTRIES WHICH HAD SPOKEN OUT ON THE ISSUE IN THE SC.

HERZOG THEN MENTIONED SOMALIA AS CENTER FOR TERRORIST OPERATIONS, AND YUGOSLAVIA'S DESIRE TO DEMONSTRATE LOYALTY TO THE SO-CALLED NONALIGNED. HE SUSPECTED TANZANIAN PERMREP SALIM'S REMARKS DID NOT REFLECT HIS TRUE FEELINGS OR THOSE OF HIS GOVERNMENT, AND ASKED HOW

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COULD ISRAELI RESCUE BE EQUATED WITH AN ATTACK ON AFRICA? AND WOULD AFRICA HAVE LOOKED BETTER IF PALESTINIAN TERRORISTS, IN CONNIVANCE WITH PRES AMIN, HAD SLAUGHTERED OVER 100 MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN? WHO WAS THREATENING AFRICA? ISRAEL, OR THE COUNTRY WHICH DISPATCHED THIS WEEK 30 FIGHTER PLANES AS REINFORCEMENTS TO UGANDA, NAMELY LIBYA? THOSE PLANES WERE DIRECTED AGAINST KENYA AND TANZANIA, HE ADDED. MEXICO HAD CONDUCTED ACTIVE CAMPAIGN AGAINST TERRORISM, AND HERZOG WAS SURPRISED MEXICO WAS UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND A SITUATION IN WHICH MEXICAN CITIZENS WERE NOT INVOLVED. HE WOULD HAVE ACCORDED THE PAKISTANI REPRESENTATIVES' REMARKS MORE RESPECT IF THEY HAD NOT COME FROM THE DELEGATE OF "A REGIME WHICH HAD LOCKED UP ITS ENTIRE POLITIC UNCLASSIFIED

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OPPOSITION IN JAIL."

CONTINUING, HERZOG SAID THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE HAD TALKED ABOUT INVIOABILITY OF TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND NATIONAL SOV-EREIGNTY, AND HE DEFERRED TO HIM ON THOSE SUBJECTS, "HAVING REGARD TO THE SOVIET UNION'S VERY CONSIDERABLE RECORD IN THOSE RESPECTS IN HUNGARY, IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND IN OTHER COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE. MY COLLEAGUE FROM CHINA COULD DOUBTLESS ELABORATE ON THIS SUBJECT," H E

ADDED. ALGERIA, WHICH PLAYED "A PROMINENT PART IN THE HISTORY OF AIR HIJACKING" WOULD NOT WANT "TO FORFEIT ITS PLACE IN THE 'HALL OF FAME' OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM," THE PLO'S STATEMENT DISASSOCIATING ITSELF FROM THE OPERATION WAS A LIE, AND HE RECALLED THE PLO RECORD OF BRUTAL TERRORISM. LIBYA HAD BEEN "THE PAYMASTER AND HAVEN OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM" AND EVEN NOW WAS CONTINUING SUBVERSIVE OPERATIONS IN SUDAN. HERZOG EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO THOSE DELEGATES WHO HAD TAKEN A STAND CLEARLY AND UNEQUIVOCALLY "ON THE SIDE OF HUMAN DECENCY AND HUMAN FREEDOM AND AGAINST THE SCOURGE OF INTERNATIONAL TERROR," AND HE URGED THOSE COUNTRIES OT JOIN TOGETHER TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST HIJACKERS AND INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM.

INDIA -- JAIPAL STATED THAT IF THE SC DID NOT PRONOUNCE THE ISRAELI ATTACK A VIOLATION OF THE CHARTER AND BREACH OF UGANDA'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY THERE WOULD BE GRAVE CONSEQUENCES FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE. HE THOUGHT THE SC SHOULD REASSURE THE AFRICANS ON THE MATTER.

-- RIGHTS OF REPLY --

THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF MAURITIUS, REFERRING TO STATEMENT ALLEGING NOTHING WAS BEING DONE ABOUT WHAT WAS TAKING PLACE IN UGANDA, SAID HE HAD CALBED HIS HEAD OF STATE, AS CURRENT OAU CHAIRMAN , REQUESTING HIM TO USE ALL HIS INFLUENCE IN GETTING IN TOUCH WITH THE UGANDAN PRESIDENT TO ENSURE THAT EVERYTHING

IS DONE ACCORDING TO LAW, AND NOTHING AS SINISTER AS THAT DESCRIBED SHOULD BE TOLERATED.

UGANDAN FOREIGN MINISTER ABDALLA TOTALLY REJECTED ALL ISRAELI ALLEGATIONS; REITERATED THAT THE ISRAELI INVADERS UNCLASSIFIED

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TOOK ALL REMAINING HOSTAGES, INCLUDING MRS. BLOCH; AND DECLARED THAT ISRAELI TOGETHER WITH ITS WUPERPOWER SUPPORTERS WOULD ONE DAY BE "BURIED." LIBYAN REPRESENTATIVE KIKHIA WAS IMPRESSED BY "HOW MUCH ISRAEL HATES MY COUNTRY AND ITS LEADERS," AND RESERVED RIGHT TO REPLY LATER TO THE "FALSEHOODS AND DISTORTIONS."

TANZANIAN AMB SALIM NOTED VORSTER CONGRATULATED ISRAEL ON ITS ACTIONS IN UGANDA AND HE HAD NO DOUBT THE RACIST REGIMES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WERE NOW CONSIDERING HOW THEY COULD FOLLOW ISRAEL'S EXAMPLE. HE AGREED THAT PROTECTION OF HUMAN LIFE WAS IMPORTANT, BUT SAID HERZOG'S FAILURE TO REGRET KILLING UGANDANS DETRACTED FROM HIS CREDIBILITY. THE STATE OF AFFAIRS BETWEEN UGANDA AND TANZANIA WAS NOT SUBJECT OF SC'S DISCUSSION, NOR WAS THE INTERNAL SITUATION IN UGANDA.

KHARLAMOV (SOVIET UNION) STATED THAT THE SC WAS DISCUSSING THE ISRAELI AGGRESSION AGAINST UGANDA "AND NO OTHER PROPOSALS EXIST HERE." THE UNFOUNDED NATURE OF THE CHARGES AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION WAS OBVIOUS. MIRZA (PAKISTAN) SAID ONLY ONE PARTY WAS OUTLAWED IN PAKISTAN AND THAT ONE WAS OPPOSED TO THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF PAKISTAN. MUJEZINOVIC (YUGOSLAVIA) REPLIED THAT YUGOSLAVIA WAS NOT A "SO-CALLED" NONALIGNED COUNTRY BUT A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE NONALIGNED MOVEMENT, AND HE ASSERTED THAT THE "TREACHEROUS ISRAELI AIR RAID" AGAINST UGANDA WAS TYPICAL OF ISRAELI EXPANSIONISM.

HERZOG, AFTER COMMENTING "SOME OF MY BEST FRIENDS ARE LIBYANS," RESPONDED TO SEVERAL OF THE SPEAKERS. AS TO WHETHER ISRAEL WOULD HAVE ATTACKED A WESTERN EUROPEAN STATE, HE SAID NO COUNTRY IN WESTERN EUROPE WOULD HAVE STOOPED AS LOW AS UGANDA.

NOTE: THE REPRESENTATIVE OF GUINEA WHO SPOKE IN THE SC JULY 12 (USUN SUMMARY NO. 131, USUN 2854) WAS DOUKOURE, NOT CAMARA AS REPORTED.
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